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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masayuki TANAKA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2826
Serial No.: 09/973,744) Examiner: Mandala, Victor A.
Filed: October 11, 2001)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
THE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement dated July 16, 2002, with a period for response extending through August 16, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claim 14) and Group II (claims 1 – 13). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 1 – 13, as thus characterized by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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